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16 September 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Agency Occupational Safety and Health Committee

FROM: John M. Ray
Director of Logistics

SUBJECT: Original Headquarters Building Renovations

1. We have given considerable thought to the two options you asked us to consider regarding smoking areas in the Original Headquarters Building (OHB). We see disadvantages in both of your proposals.

2. A basic tenet of the OHB renovation program is that we will convert the building for the most part to open landscape design. The number of private offices in the building will be dramatically reduced, going principally to managers at the GS-15 level and above. Given the dynamic nature of our building population, we don't think it would be a wise investment to have smoking areas with special ducting in the open office spaces. Moreover, unless we vented the smoke to the outside, a very expensive move on a building-wide basis, the duct system would merely broadcast the smoke throughout the building.

3. Your suggestion to establish a few strategically located smoking lounges that have the room air vented to the outside presents a different kind of problem. As you are aware, space is at a premium in the Original Headquarters Building now. This situation will not improve as a result of the renovation, but what space there is will be more equitably allocated. We are presently trying to find sufficient space to reinstall the food vending rooms in the building that have long since been converted to office or storage space. This type of facility would be more in keeping with the common good of our employees than smoking lounges, and I'm afraid at present, given the scarcity of space, we would have to choose between the two. It is for this reason that we recently replied negatively to the Suggestion Awards Committee with regard to a proposal that employee lounges (not smoking rooms) be scattered around the building.

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4. Our planning thus far with regard to quality of life items for smokers has been based on the apparent government-wide premise that smoking is not in the common interest. At present, we are using lavatories as smoking areas. Frankly, I find entering a smoke-filled lavatory an unrewarding experience, as I am sure smokers and other non-smokers do as well. We intend to beef up the venting of the lavatories to the outside during the renovation period to see if we can alleviate this problem.

5. Despite the rather negative nature of this response, we are open to ideas which would improve the quality of life on the compound for smokers and non-smokers alike. We just haven't come up with any yet that don't impact on the space we have available for Agency operations, and I'm not sure I could justify the expenditure of large sums of money to modify our air conditioning and venting systems to accommodate a habit described officially as being dangerous to one's health. We'll keep trying, and I hope your Committee will too.

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John M. Ray

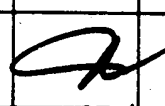

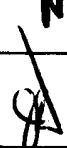
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

FROM:

Chairman, Agency Occupational Safety and Health Committee

SUBJECT: Old Headquarters Building Renovations

1. The Agency Occupational Safety and Health Committee wishes to request that consideration be given to the following items in the proposed renovations in the Old Headquarters Building when areas are vacated:

a. The provision of inlet and outlet ventilation ducts in private offices to permit increased flexibility in assigning rooms to smokers and nonsmokers.

b. The establishment of a few strategically located smoking lounges that have the room air vented to the outside.

2. Thank you for your consideration of the above items.

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